

COUNCIL COMPLETES TAX EQUALIZATIONS

ONLY ONE COMPLAINT AT AS-
SESSMENT FILED

Putnam House Assessment Reduced
From \$35,000 to \$20,000—Pass
Books Tonight.

Working to a late hour last night council completed the work of equalizing the tax books, hearing complaints and making adjustments. The only petition filed for a reduction of assessment was that of the Putnam National Bank, for the assessed valuation of the Putnam House. It was shown by the bank that the hotel property is being offered for sale for \$35,000, and that the revenue from the property is comparatively nil. On this showing council reduced the taxation to \$20,000.

There was practically no change in the valuation of property, as a whole, the revenue increases to be taken care

of by an increase in millage.

Tonight will be the last opportunity property holders will have to file objections to their assessments.

MISS BOOTH'S CITATION.

Text Issued on Eve of Presentation
of the D. S. M.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—To Miss Evangeline C. Booth, Commander in Chief of the Salvation Army in America, the Distinguished Service Medal was presented today at New York by Major Gen. David C. Shanks, commanding the embarkation port at Hoboken, who will act as the personal representative of President Wilson and Secretary Baker.

Miss Booth's citation, made public today by the War Department, said: "For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service as commander of the Salvation Army in the United States. She has been tireless in her devotion to her manifold duties. The contribution of the Salvation Army toward winning the war is conspicuous and the results obtained were due in marked degree to the great executive ability of its commander."

HOW SOUTH'S GROWTH HAS BEEN HELD BACK

LOGICAL SUMMING UP BY C. S.
UCKER

Section Just Beginning to Recover
and Will Outstrip West in
Development

JACKSONVILLE, Oct. 21.—Reasons why the South has been delayed in developing her resources were discussed at the Chamber of Commerce last evening by C. S. Ucker, executive vice-president of the Southern Settlement and Development Association. He has made an exhaustive study of the problem and gave a very clear explanation of the many causes which have held back this section of the country while the rest of the United States has been going forward.

Mr. Ucker stated that the present situation could only be explained by a reference to the history of the country. Back in colonial days the countries of Europe all tried their hands at settling the country and when they were through the mother of colonies, England, owned them all. During the natural course of events these colonies became an independent nation and from that time on development had gone on along the same lines as before the revolution. The small farmers had settled in the North and the landed gentry of England had come South.

No Equal in History
Those who settled in the South, by the use of slave labor, built up the most perfect agricultural structure in the history of the world. They had a monopoly in cotton and they lived like lords. The small farmers from the old country settled in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and other agricultural states. The government had millions of acres of virgin soil. This was given away in lots of 160 acres to all who would live on it for five years. The result was that the people of Europe who came to this country went West to get the free land. The land of the South was all privately owned.

The Civil War wrecked the structure which had been built in the South. During the time of the Western rush for land the great railroads had been built from the East to the West and when the immigrant came to New York he was taken to the West. There were no roads running to the South and the steamship lines from the old country did not end at any of the Southern ports. After the Civil War the South underwent ten years of carpet-bag rule. The people of this section of the country were so discouraged that even to this day they are wanted to live in the glories of the past and not the hope of the future.

Psychology of Situation
The speaker dwelt upon the psychology of the situation. He said that these great trans-continental railroads wanted business. They sent maps to Europe with the Southern States marked black and advised the new-comers not to go to the South, but to go West, where the free land was located. The result was that the home-seekers were taught to believe that the West was the only place where homes could be found.

The South has never known the value of advertising and does not have sufficient faith in itself. He illustrated this by saying that a planter in Mississippi had told him that land around him was selling for a certain figure and that he would take a certain price for his own acres. When asked if he would not sell for a less amount if he could get cash he replied that he would because the others were getting more than their lands were worth. Mr. Ucker declared that this lack of faith in the South by the people who live here was one of the greatest drawbacks to the section.

Millions of Vacant Acres
In discussing the present situation the speaker stated that there were now about 260,000,000 acres of public lands and that they were mostly poor lands because they had been picked over for years and years. Against this he said that there were over 300,000,000 acres in the South which had never been touched. This land is known as the Atlantic and Gulf seaboard lands. They reach from Maryland to the Rio Grande. In the early days the cities were built along the South Atlantic and Gulf coasts where the rivers emptied and where boats stopped on their way to the hinterland. The vast coastal lands were heavily timbered with long leaf yellow pine. After the timber of the lake regions had been cut away the wood cutters began to saw the pine trees for the purpose of building homes in the great West. The result is that there are now millions of acres of cut-over lands in the South which have not been developed. The stumps are

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hard to remove and the best purpose to which these lands can be put is stock raising.

Work of God and Man

Mr. Ucker declared that there was no section of the country for which God had done so much and man so little as this great territory around the seaboard. The problem for the present generation is to inaugurate a plan for the improvement of this great territory. The difficulties which stand in the way were described as remedial difficulties. He said that these difficulties were lack of good roads, the cattle tick, mosquitoes, drainage, etc. All of them can be overcome. Even now good roads are being constructed, the cattle tick being killed off and much is being done to overcome all of the other hindrances.

At the close of his address he stated that an attempt was being made by his organization to form land-owners' associations in order that people might have some means of quicker development. He showed what California is doing in the way of advertising. The organizations which are being formed will take up all of these matters and work out the salvation of the country. It was decided at the meeting to hold another meeting which is to be attended by the business men of the city, at which time delegates will be named to attend a State meeting where such an organization will be formed. The date of this meeting will be announced as soon as it can be arranged. Mr. Ucker is to be present to make an address. He will make an extended tour of the State during the next two or three weeks.

WHITE PLAGUE IN BALKANS.

Tuberculosis Death Rate There the Highest in the World.

BUCHAREST, Oct. 21.—The tuberculosis death rate in the Balkans is the highest in the world, asserts the medical staff of the American Red Cross headquarters here. This is based on reports from Red Cross workers in Rumania, Serbia, Albania, and Montenegro.

The distressing factor is that the countries are almost wholly without sanitariums for the treatment of tuberculosis. Red Cross relief is temporary, and it is considered beyond its province to found sanitariums on the scale that would be needed.

MADISON FOR GOOD ROADS.

To Vote on Bond Issue For \$800,000
To Build With.

MADISON, Oct. 21.—A mass meeting of citizens was held in the courthouse today, and after talks by Chairman Smith, of the road department, and several citizens of the county, it was moved and carried enthusiastically to favor a bond issue for \$800,000 for good roads in this county, \$500,000 of the amount to go toward state road No. 1, supplemented by \$200,000 appropriated by the state road department, and the other \$300,000 to go towards the construction of lateral roads in the county. At the conclusion of the meeting Chairman Taylor, of the county commissioners, announced that at the next meeting of that board they would issue the call for the bond election for \$800,000.

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